



Chosen to Lead Juvenile Rehabilitation Programs

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DSHS Assistant Secretary John Clayton has guided the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration since April 2007.

He oversees JRA institutions, programs and services that serve 1,400 youth throughout the state.

Clayton moved into this position following a career of 25-years as a leader and administrator in the human services field in Washington, Arizona and Kentucky.

Under Clayton's leadership, JRA continues to implement evidence-based treatment and continues to address the disproportional impact on youth of color in the juvenile justice system.

"Working with both youth and their families improves the chances of turning behaviors around so the young men and women can lead satisfying and productive lives," Clayton said.

To do that job, Clayton brings a simple, guiding philosophy to work every-day: Be bold, never fail to act, keep your promises and make a difference.

Prior to JRA, Clayton directed the Community Services Division of the DSHS Economic Services Administration.